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SUBJECT: BRIEFING ISRAELIS ON SECRETARY/GROMYKO TALKS

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FOR CHARGE FROM SISCO

1. FOLLOWING, STRICTLY FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, IS TEXT OF ORAL MESSAGE PASSED TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN THROUGH AMBASSADOR DINITZ MAY 20 ON SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH GROMYKO IN VIENNA:

QUOTE: AS EXPECTED WE HAD A FULL REVIEW OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WITH MR. GROMYKO. GROMYKO STRESSED THE DANGERS OF THE SITUATION WHICH CURRENTLY EXISTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO MOVE PROMPTLY TOWARD A GENEVA CONFERENCE AND INSISTING ON SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN ALL PHASES OF THE CONFERENCE. WE AVOIDED ANY COMMITMENT ON A SPECIFIC CONVENING DATE FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. GROMYKO ALSO SECRET

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PROPOSED THAT A JOINT US/USSR INVITATION BE DISPATCHED

IMMEDIATELY TO THE PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN A RENEWED GENEVA CONFERENCE. WE FENDED OFF THIS PROPOSAL AS WELL. WE HAVE AGREED TO FOLLOW-UP TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS AFTER PRESIDENT FORD HAS COMPLETED HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT

AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN. MOREOVER, GROMYKO AND I WILL MEET AGAIN SOMETIME IN JULY TO HAVE A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND SALT. IN SHORT, THE ABOVE CONSTITUTES A STEP CLOSER TO A GENEVA CONFERENCE WHILE THE UNITED STATES RETAINS ITS OPTIONS ON THE SPECIFICS OF TIMING AND SUBSTANCE AS WELL AS OTHER POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES.

2. RE PARA ONE REFTEL, SECRETARY DID NOT REPEAT NOT SEE DINITZ OVER PAST WEEKEND. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION RE REPORTED DINITZ-DOBRYNIN TALKS. INGERSOLL

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